subsidence are to be rehabilitated to safer places outside of the coalfield *i.e.* non-coal bearing areas. Of the total of 98314 houses, 44155 houses are those of BCCL employees, 29444 houses are of private authorized people and another 23847 houses are unauthorized/encroachers and another 868 houses belong to others.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Adequate efforts have been made by BCCL, in this direction under which BCCL started an all round effort to combat the fires. Due to this effort, liquidation of 10 fires was possible and the remaining 67 fires are by and large under control. The surface area under fire has reduced to 9 sq. km (as per Master Plan updated in August, 2006) from 17 sq. km (in the year 1986).

Action taken for fire control:

To prevent/control fire and subsidence following technologies/practices have been adopted through various Environmental Measures and Subsidence Control (EMSC)/ Rehabilitation and Control of Fire and Subsidence (RCFS)/Fire Schemes:-

(i) Surface sealing and blanketing

(ii) Isolation by trenching and back filling with cohesive soil.

(iii) Filling of opencast high wall, shafts, inclines and other subsided areas

(iv) Blind flushing with sand/cement/fly-ash/grout mixture

(v) Cooling by waste curtain/infiltration ponds.

Since 1997-98, various Environmental Measure and Subsidence Control (EMSC) Schemes and Rehabilitation and Control of Fire and Subsidence (RCFS) schemes were sanctioned for a total outlay of about Rs. 101.45 crores. Out of this

(a) Eight EMSC Schemes were completed with expenditure of Rs.5.73 crores.

(b) Five EMSC schemes are continuing and till date Rs. 25.98 crores has been spent.

(c) Four RCFS schemes in which Rs.5.76 cores has been spent.

(d) Five nos. of schemes under Master Plan to deal with fire is going on and total expenditure of Rs. 6.64 crores was incurred till date.

CTL technology

1095. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether with global crude prices shooting through the roof, corporate are making a beeline to exploit India's vast reserves of black diamond for producing liquid gold through CTL (Coal to liquid) technology;

(b) if so, whether a company has told his Ministry that it planned to pump Rs. 32,000 crore into such a project for extracting 80,000 bpd (barrel per day) of oil by synthesizing coal;

(c) whether any concrete steps in this regard has been worked out;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by what time final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) to (d) The Government has invited applications from public and private sector companies for allocation of coal blocks for Coal to Liquid project. In response to the advertisement, 28 applications were received from 22 applicants. The scrutiny and evaluation of these applications is under progress.

(e) As it requires detailed scrutiny and evaluation, no time frame for final decision can be given at this stage.

Coal mines of the country

†1096. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is sufficient quantity of coal in coal mines in the country to meet the need of power plants;

(b) whether there has been decline in the production of coal in coal mines;

(c) the quantum of coal produced in the country during the year 2007-08;

(d) whether the measures taken by Government to curb the coal pilferage have been successful; and

(e) the number of gangs caught for pilfering coal in Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand during the years 2006-07 and 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA): (a) In the process of formulation of Annual Plan, Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission assesses demand of coal of different sectors including power stations. Based on such demand, coal supply plan for the country is formulated by Ministry of Coal/Planning Commission. For the current fiscal, the national demand for utility sector is assessed at 373 million tonnes which includes 8 million tonnes of coal for stock building. Against this demand supply plan of 336.69 million tonnes has been made from the indigenous sources as under:

Source	Supply plan (In million tonnes)
Coal India Limited	292.93
Singereni Collieries Co. Ltd.	28.88
Others (Captive sources of TPSs)	14.88
TOTAL	336.69

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.